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III. Documents management

A. Timely submission, processing and issuance of documents

1. At its 548th meeting, on 5 September 2017, the Committee considered the section of the report of the Secretary-General on the pattern of conferences concerning the timely submission, processing and issuance of documents (A/72/116, paras. 25-30).

B. Simultaneous distribution of documents

2. At the same meeting, the Committee considered the section of the report concerning the simultaneous distribution of documents (A/72/116, para. 31).

Discussion

3. In response to a question from one delegation, a representative of the Secretariat explained that the simultaneous distribution figures presented in the report did not reflect occasions on which advance copies in English had been made available at the request of certain meeting bodies. The Secretariat abided strictly by the simultaneous distribution rule and issued language versions as they became available only on an ad hoc basis when requested to do so by the Member States or meeting bodies. The Secretariat would provide the Committee with data on which bodies had made such requests.

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C. Digitization and uploading of important older United Nations documents

4. At its 549th meeting, on 5 September 2017, the Committee considered the section of the report concerning the digitization and uploading of important older United Nations documents (A/72/116, para. 32).